



National Commemorative Services
for
BISHOP JOHN SETH BAILEY, D. D.

Jurisdictional Bishop
Southwest Michigan Church of God In Christ

Saturday, August 11, 1984 - 11:00 a.m.

**BAILEY CATHEDRAL
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**

**7045 CURTIS AVENUE
DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

THE MOST REVEREND J. O. PATTERSON
Officiating

BISHOP BAILEY'S FAVORITE SCRIPTURE AND TEXT

—Zechariah 4 verse 6—

*"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying,
This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel saying,
NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT,
SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS."*

FAVORITE SAYINGS

"Lord Will You Touch Me Now"

"Lord Don't Leave Me"

"Bless The Lord"

"Let's Work For The Things That Make Peace"

"Stay With The Church"

"Saints Let's Work Together And Love One Another"

SONGS WRITTEN FROM HIS SERMONS

"Salvation Is Free"

"None But The Pure In Heart"

"Sanctify Me Holy"

"Climbing Up The Mountain"

"Oh Sinner"

"Saved Hallelujah"

[written by Dr. Mattie Moss Clark]

FAVORITE SONGS

"So Glad I'm Here"

"I'm Going To Praise God's Name"

"I'm Happy With Jesus Alone"

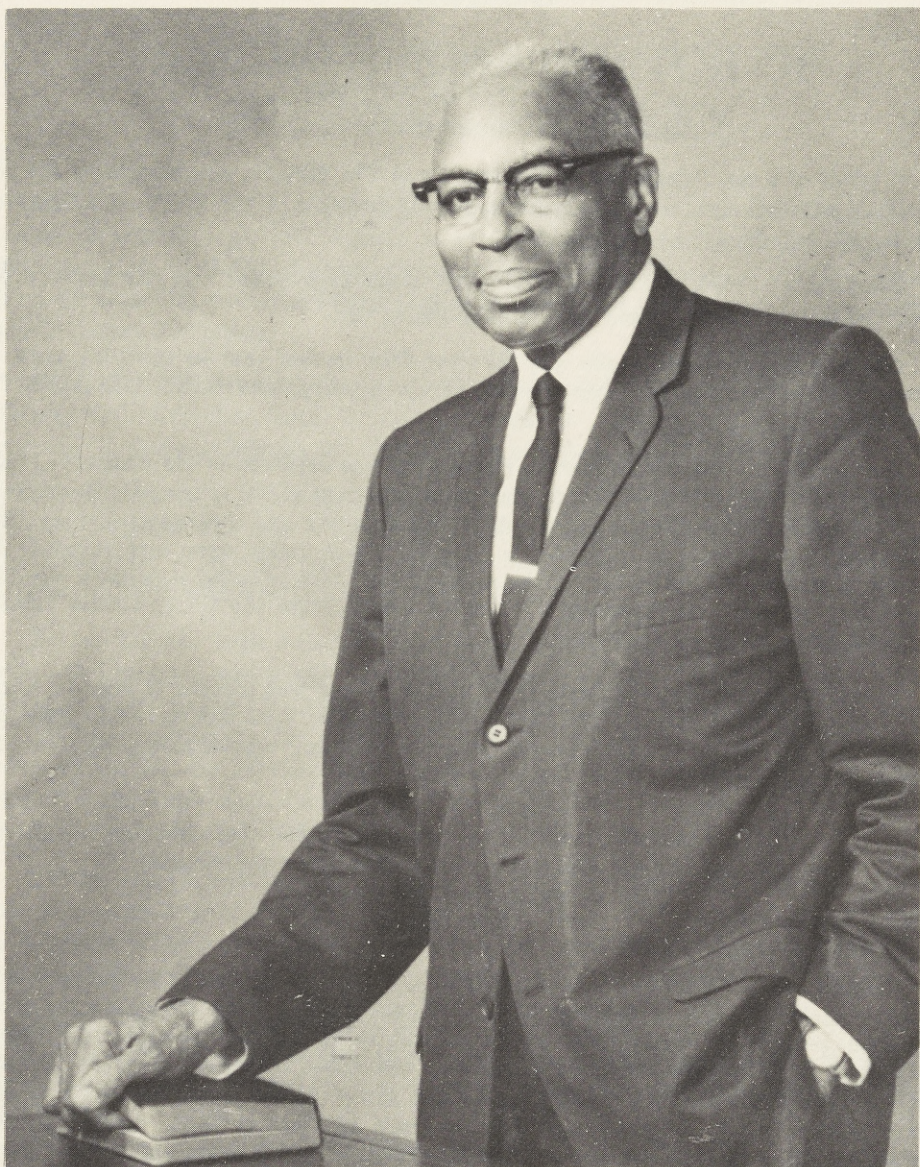
HIS LAST MESSAGE FROM HIS HOSPITAL BED SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1984

His last day was filled with praises and thanksgivings to God
which included these words.

"HE WILL BEAUTIFY THE MEEK WITH SALVATION!"

"HOLINESS IS RIGHT!"

"THE LORD WILL BRING YOU OUT!"



BISHOP JOHN SETH BAILEY

1896 — 1984

Obituary

*"Thy statutes have been my songs
in the house of my pilgrimage.*

—Psalms 119:54—

A giant of a man, dedicated to the service of The Master, has completed his pilgrimage on earth and attained his life's goal of residing in the mansions of Heaven where the faithful of God dwell forever.

Born June 9, 1896, in Daphney, Alabama, John Seth Bailey was the tenth of fifteen children born to Edmond and Caroline Bailey, Sr.

An early milestone in his life was the year 1918; in that year he gave his name to Anna J. Thomas, gave overseas service to his country, and GAVE HIS LIFE TO CHRIST.

Two years after his 1924 arrival in Detroit, he was ordained in the ministry. From that time his work for the church was an affirmation of the pre-eminent spiritual verities which abide, undergird, and outlast the struggles and difficulties of time. The monumental achievements cited in his biography only touch upon and suggest the fulness of his life and deeds. One of the recognitions of his splendid endeavors was the conferring of honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from the C. H. Mason Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia.

To support him in his strivings, the widowed pastor was blessed to receive Annie Lee Pennington as his wife in 1934. Being widowed again, he found companionship and a helpmate in 1976 when he married Iner R. Whittler, who faithfully served and supported him until his death.

*"He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me,
hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation;
but is passed from death unto life.*

—John 5:24—

Pilgrim John Seth Bailey passed from this life August 5, 1984; but the scripture assures us that he has passed "unto life". We must rejoice in his elevated state while we weep because he is gone from among us who loved him so. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Iner R. Bailey and her children, Jimmie and Alisia Whittler and family, William and Margaret Whittler and family, Stella and James Calloway and family; a sister, Mrs. Nettie Bailey Benjamin and her children of New Orleans, Louisiana, two granddaughters Sandra and Annette Lyles of Oakland, California and many nieces, nephews and relatives.

Bishop was loved and revered as father by many children who grew up at Bailey Temple and Seth Temple and by many others throughout the county. No count can be made of the people who were touched and changed by his spirit. No depth can be measured of the loss to all who knew him.

*My name, and my place, and my tomb all forgotten;
The brief race of time well and patiently run,
So let me pass away, peacefully, silently,
Only remembered by what I have done.*

—Bonar

Bishop, we SHALL remember.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF BISHOP J. S. BAILEY

BISHOP JOHN SETH BAILEY was born in Daphney, Alabama. He heard the gospel of sanctification and baptism of the Holy Ghost preached by the late Elder Monroe Jones, of Mobile, Alabama, in 1918. He gave his heart to God and was saved from his sins with a real knowledge of God in his life. On June 3, 1918, he was married to Miss Anna J. Thomas.

His pastor admired his fervency of spirit and faithfulness and appointed him Sunday School teacher; later, Deacon of the Church. His name is engraved in stone and will be there as long as his home church stands in Mobile, Alabama.

In 1918, he was inducted into the U.S. Army, AMERICAN EXPEDITION FORCE. The Lord blessed him there; seeing many of his comrades go down, he continued to trust God and he brought him out safe. He was discharged in 1919 with a greater determination to give his life to the Lord.

He and his late wife, Anna J., came to the city of Detroit, State of Michigan, in 1924. He found the saints and connected with Saints Home Church of God in Christ, Elder J. P. Payne pastor. Again, he was recognized for his faithfulness, spirituality and fervency of spirit. He finally gave up to God's will and was ordained to the ministry in 1926. He followed God wholeheartedly feeling inadequate for such a great task. For this cause God highly anointed him with the ministry of reconciliation and he increased in favor with God and man.

Led by God, he and his late wife came to the west side of the city and started a tent service on July 4, 1926. God sent the people. Many were healed and saved, adding to the church. He is the pioneer of the Church of God in Christ on the west side. Many trials and tribulations befell him but he continued to press forward.

In 1928, he built his first church 52' x 30'. The depression came, but God provided for His own. He and his wife worked with their hands to help carry on the work of the Lord. For months he did not cash his work pay check, but used it to further the work of the Lord.

In 1932, his wife, who had been so faithful and worked so untiringly, was called home to be with the Lord. Heart broken, he journeyed on alone, declaring he was happy with Jesus alone.

In 1934, God gave him another faithful wife. He was married to Mother Annie Lee Pennington, at the time State Supervisor of Maryland and National Secretary of the Women's Department of the Church of God in Christ, (the Lord then elevated her and until recently, she had been the National and International Supervisor of the Women's Department of the Church of God in Christ). She started the birds singing again in his life; She served as a great inspiration and caused him to reach for the greater things of God.

In 1934, he was appointed District Superintendent of the No. 1 District by Overseer I. W. Winas. He served faithfully. In 1945, because of the growth of his congregation, he remodeled and enlarged the church building to 95' x 30'. God marvelously blessed him in a great revival. Many souls were added to the Church. He is a father to his people and a great organizer. He filled the church with God's activity. There are thirty or more auxiliaries actively carrying on under his leadership.

He was appointed Overseer of the State of Southwestern Michigan in 1946. Again, God proved Himself through this man of God, giving him favor and love and he is highly esteemed by all. The State has grown from thirty-four churches to one hundred and fifty-five churches and missions. He went to Muskegon, Michigan to a discouraged people who had labored for years and accomplished little. He built a congregation, inspired and encouraged the people and built them a lovely church 40' x 60', with a full basement. And in 1951, God again made room for this courageous leader.

Bishop C. H. Mason, our Senior Bishop, began to lose his health and felt the need for others to help him. He made choice of three overseers, Bishop Bailey being one of the three. Bishop was ordained to the office of Bishop by Bishop Mason and given papers of authority to act in Bishop Mason's stead. Truly this was a signal honor.

In 1953, because of certain circumstances, he was forced to take over the pastorate of the Livingston Street Church of God in Christ, known as the mother church in this city. He encouraged this discouraged group and in 1954, began to rebuild a church that had been started in 1925. The Lord blessed him to build a very lovely church which was completed in 1955 at an approximate cost of forty-thousand dollars, and completely paid for in 1960. Shortly thereafter the City Urban Renewal Project took over that territory and offered twenty-two thousand dollars for the building. Bishop Bailey did not accept this offer and instead chose to take the case to court because he felt that it was worth much more. After the proceedings, he was awarded fifty thousand dollars. Truly, the Lord was on his side.

He was blessed to purchase a lovely temple, located on Dundee and Boston Boulevard, in 1961, at a cost of seventy-five thousand dollars. This edifice, named in his honor, is known as the Seth Temple Church of God in Christ. Today, they have paid for the temple. The Lord has marvelously blessed this man servant and the people under his leadership. Bishop Bailey has helped many struggling churches in the city and throughout the state. He is a man who has the church and the people at heart. The membership of his home church steadily increased and because of the congested condition he was stirred to build again. This building is his third on the site. Bishop Bailey says: "This is my last church building if the Lord wills it so." A fine brick structure 95' x 52', with a full basement and tilted roof, cost above two hundred thousand dollars. The late Founder, Bishop C. H. Mason, saw fit to appoint a Board to carry on for him in his declining years. Bishop J. S. Bailey served as a member of this Board, called the EXECUTIVE BOARD. After the demise of the founder, the National

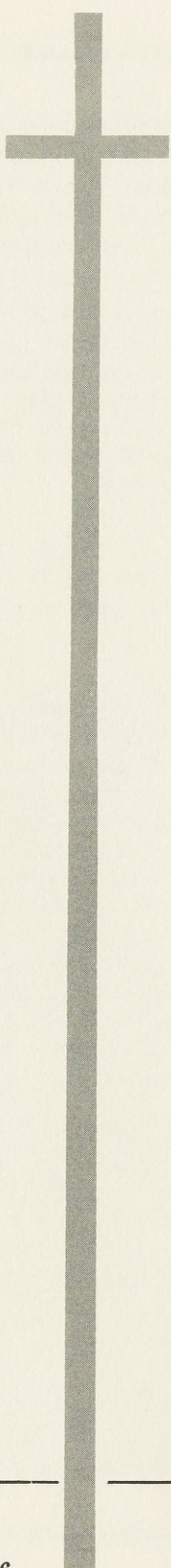
Church reverted back into the hands of the Board of Bishops, as the constitution provided and Bishop J. S. Bailey is a member of the Board of Bishops. At a duly called Constitution Convention held at National Headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., the General Assembly gave a Vote of Confidence to the Board of Bishops by 1200 to 200 and gave the Board of Bishops authority to choose from among themselves a SEVEN MAN INTERIM BOARD with a named Presiding Chairman. Bishop J. S. Bailey was named that Chairman. In 1968, at the National Convocation, he was elected to the office of First Assistant, Presiding Bishop of the Churches of God in Christ. God blessed him to continue on to greater heights. He served as a National Board Member. In July, 1972, he, along with the State of Southwestern Michigan, purchased Bailey Cathedral at 7045 Curtis; a large institutional type building. All together the State owns, Bailey Cathedral, a spacious parking lot in the rear, a church home located at 6420 London, all valued at an estimated one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

On December 18, 1975, God saw fit to take Mother Anne L. Bailey home to be with Him. This was a great loss to Bishop Bailey, but God who is so rich in mercy and goodness blessed him with Sister Iner Bailey who has certainly been a source of strength for him.

Feeling the need for the City of Detroit to do something tangible in living memory of this great man of God, a "change of street name committee" was formed and during the month of September 1982, they petitioned the Detroit City Council for resolution, allowing the permanent dual naming of McKinley Avenue (bounded by West Warren and the Edsel Ford Freeway) to McKinley Avenue/Bailey Lane in honor of the contributions made by Bishop John Seth Bailey. This request was made in order to facilitate the placing of these accomplishments (as I have outlined) in the archives of the church, as they so rightfully deserve. On November 24, 1982, the Detroit City Council, in conjunction with Mayor Coleman A. Young, unanimously gave approval for the addition of the sign "Bailey Lane" to the street name McKinley Avenue for a period of 5 years (within the requested boundaries). At the expiration of this 5 year time period, the church may petition the Council for an extension of this resolution. This event gives recognition to Bishop Bailey for providing long outstanding church and community leadership, as well as for being a Renowned Living Individual.

Despite intermittent ill health, Bishop Bailey remained steadfast to his commitments. All his life he fought without fear of consequences for whatever he sensed was right and good. When he died on Sunday morning of August 5, 1984, he left the world a legacy of his achievements as a warrior of God. In what he built, in what he fostered, in what he initiated—in all the Christian endeavors he propagated—Bishop John Seth Bailey lives on. He is forever cloaked in the aura of greatness which his sterling qualities created about him.





Thursday, August 9, 1984

BAILEY TEMPLE AND SETH TEMPLE

In Charge

5370 Bailey Lane/McKinley at Edsel Ford Expressway

6:00 P.M.

Order of Service

PRELUDE

MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION

CONGREGATIONAL

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

CHOIR

SETH TEMPLE, CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

REMARKS

TRIBUTES AND SPECIAL MUSIC

BAILEY TEMPLE, CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

REMARKS

TRIBUTE AND SPECIAL MUSIC

Memorial Service
Friday, August 10, 1984

—Devotional Service—

Tributes from the following Jurisdictions:

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN

Administrative Board and Mother M. L. Belvin
Civic and Community Representatives

NORTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

Bishop P. A. Brooks and Mother Mary Hopkins

GREAT LAKES MICHIGAN

Bishop C. L. Anderson and Jurisdictional Supervisor

NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Bishop Herbert Williams and Mother Lucas

ONTARIO, CANADA

Bishop Harrison and Mother Allie Crutcher

ONTARIO, CANADA, FIRST

Bishop C. L. Morton and Jurisdictional Supervisor

Order of National Services

For

BISHOP JOHN SETH BAILEY, D.D.

Officiating, The Most Reverend James Oglethorpe Patterson
Chief Apostle Church of God In Christ, Inc.

ORGAN PRELUDE.....Rev. Kersey and Albernita Clark

Processional.....Ecclesiastical Order (Congregation Standing)
Presiding Bishop
General Board
General Secretary
Board of Bishops
Family

VIEWING—

SEALING OF BIER—

INVOCATION—

SELECTIONSouthwest Michigan State Choir

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Psalms 90:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Revelations 21:1-7

AFFIRMATION OF FAITHCongregation Standing

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible Word of God. We believe that there is One God eternally existent in Three Persons: God The Father, God The Son and God The Holy Spirit.

We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.

We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance, faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ and being baptized in water. We believe that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body, in answer to believing prayer.

We believe that the baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it.

We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world.

Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *"The Lord Is My Light"*

TRIBUTES:

National Women's Department—Dr. Mattie McGlothen

National Auxiliaries—Bishop L. H. Winbush

Community and Civic

SELECTION Southwest Michigan State Choir

TRIBUTE:

National Board of Bishops—Bishop J. H. Sherman, Chairman

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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SOLO Dr. Mattie Moss Clark

RESOLUTIONS Bishop German Ross
General Secretary

APOSTOLIC TRIBUTE

OFFICE OF PRESIDING BISHOP Bishop P. A. Brooks
Chief Ajutant

INTRODUCTION

OF PRESIDING BISHOP Bishop Louis Henry Ford
First Assistant Presiding Bishop,
Chicago, Illinois

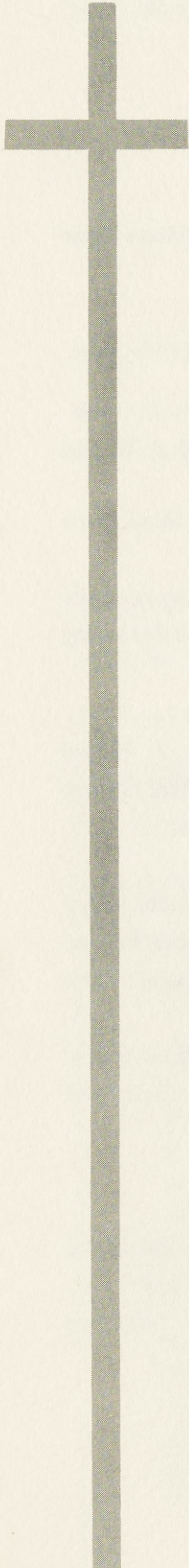
SERMONIC HYMN *"Amazing Grace"*
Southwest Michigan State Choir

OBITUARY—(*Read In Silence*)

EULOGY Most Reverend James O. Patterson,
Presiding Bishop, Church of God In Christ, Inc.,
World Headquarters, Memphis, Tennessee

RECESSIONAL—

—BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON
Officiating



From the Bailey Temple Family

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP JOHN SETH BAILEY

Every strong family needs a strong father, a father who is stern but patient, demanding but living, insistent upon being followed, but worthy to be the family leader, a bulwark of strength, a guide down life's stormy paths, a sanctuary of defense.

The congregation of Bailey Temple has been blessed with the great good fortune to have had a remarkable father to love and admire; we are the children of the dynamic John Seth Bailey.

For 58 years Bishop Bailey carried with dignity, grace, and strength the burden of fatherhood for this growing family of the Church of God in Christ. All those 58 years this good father was ever the sterling and indomitable leader, working diligently and unceasingly for the welfare of his family.

He kept his family supplied with food, a balanced diet of spiritual concepts to flesh out their lives in Christ. And shelter was his concern. How well do we know how he sheltered us. For we are gathered here in this Cathedral of solidity and splendor to which his unswerving fervor brought us.

As the family head, Bishop Bailey was the leader, teacher, adviser, and comforter. Steadily and patiently he gave us the virtuous lessons in living which comprise the foundation of the Christian life. Countless numbers of times he was our trusted adviser, listening with thoughtful patience, suggesting with gentle firmness the path to take, watching over our steps—helping us up when we faltered, urging us to stand up and move forward.

In the role of comforter, he uplifted the weary and the sick with words and prayers; the uncertain and the doubtful took renewed energy from his seemingly bottomless reservoir of strength; the departed were blessed and the living were privileged to lean on his godly good right arm.

Discharging his fatherly commitment with Christian fervor, Bishop Bailey was consistently Heaven's lieutenant, for, above all else, this magnificent earthly father went beyond the mere telling and advising. He rose above the "do as I say" to the seldom-achieved height of being able to share: "do as I do". For 58 years, he not only spoke to us, but set a shining example of what a life in Christ may be. He made his life an example of excellence.

Guiding the men, protecting the women, nurturing the children, the father instinct in Bishop Bailey steeled him to charge past hindrances, armed him to demolish obstacles, and undergirded his fearless striding as he led his family past the dark to the light.

John Seth Bailey, we appreciate your efforts on our behalf. We are privileged to have been the beneficiaries of your deep wisdom; we cling to the memory of your devotion; we are inspired by your Christian life. As a praiseworthy father, we honor you; we love you. Bishop, your life will forever be an inspiration for our lives. Your great Christian spirit lives on.

Good night, Papa. We'll see you in the morning.

THE BAILEY TEMPLE FAMILY.

From the

Seth Temple Family

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP JOHN SETH BAILEY

*"Lives of great men all remind us,
we must make our lives sublime,
and departing, leave behind us —
Footsteps on the sands of time."*

Bishop Bailey came to Seth Temple as our pastor in 1953 and he brought us up from a basement church on Livingston Street to our present edifice; doing this with sharp critical tongues saying "it can't be done". But our pastor was a man led of God with great dynamic leadership abilities. He made great financial sacrifices for the up-building and encouragement of God's people.

Bishop Bailey was an illustrious leader with character and strength. He was eminent, renowned, a man of distinguished dignity, prestigious, recognized by Christendom world-wide and City and State Communities; he was praiseworthy, unequaled, and second to none. We love and appreciate this great man who has done so much for us.

We too have incurred a great loss of a wonderful pastor who counseled like a father, a loving and kind friend, a true humanitarian from his heart—and a man endowed with wisdom and power. There will always be a void in our hearts in the absence of Bishop John Seth Bailey.

"Earth has no sorrows that Heaven cannot heal".

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We, the family of the late Bishop John Seth Bailey, D.D., are so grateful to each of you for all that you have done. We have not words to express our thanks, in fact mere words could never say what's in our hearts. Your prayers, your visits, your calls, your cards, your donations and everything you've done has helped us through these days of sickness and bereavement. Please continue to pray for us—bless you all.

—Mrs. Iner Bailey & Family—

WE WISH ALSO TO EXTEND HEARTFELT THANKS
TO ALL PASTORS, AND NATIONAL AND JURISDICTIONAL OFFICIALS
FOR THIER COOPERATION AND HELP.

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WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TO
BISHOP P. A. BROOKS FOR HIS
ABLE ASSISTANCE AND COUNSELING.

—SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN JURISDICTION